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HOUSE MEMORIAL 44

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

**SUPPORTING LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY AND URGING THE
UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADEQUATELY FUND AND SAFEGUARD THE
FUTURE OF THIS NATIONAL ASSET.**

**WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory was founded in
New Mexico in 1943 and for sixty-four years has provided great
scientific services to the nation and a strong partnership
with the state of New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory has been a
keystone of our nation's security since the Manhattan project
was instrumental in ending World War II; and**

**WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory employs about
twelve thousand New Mexicans and provides a payroll of almost
nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000) per year; and**

WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory is responsible

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1 for more than five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000)
2 annually in procurement in the state of New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory has played a
4 significant role in economic and educational development in
5 New Mexico, including assisting in sponsorship of the valuable
6 northern New Mexico mathematics and science academy and
7 adventures in supercomputing challenge; and

8 WHEREAS, Los Alamos national laboratory remains a
9 critical element in the security of the United States and is a
10 scientific leader in national defense, nuclear
11 nonproliferation, bioscience, space exploration, energy
12 development and many other science, engineering and technology
13 research and development efforts; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States congress urged transition of
15 the Los Alamos national laboratory contract from a nonprofit
16 university to a for-profit corporation, and the ensuing change
17 to a new financial framework resulted in a shortage of
18 laboratory funding for its operational and programmatic costs;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Los Alamos
21 national laboratory is a welcomed and valued partner to the
22 state; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Los Alamos national
24 laboratory is a national asset with a global reputation for
25 its technical innovation and scientific discovery and must be

1 adequately funded and organizationally supported by the
2 legislative and executive branches of the United States; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the United States secretary of energy,
5 president pro tempore of the United States senate, speaker of
6 the United States house of representatives, United States
7 national nuclear security administration administrator and the
8 New Mexico congressional delegation.

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